

"Probe Baseball Trust or St.alking," Says Ban Johnson

Errors Are Costly and Nationals Lose

White Sox Grab Second Game of Series by Score of 6 to 4—Ed Walsh Driven from Box. Mullin Twirls Good Ball.

By WILLIAM FEET.

When the Nationals' support behind Long Tom Hughes collapsed like a toy house of cards, the White Sox were enabled to pile up enough runs to snatch down the second game of the series here yesterday, 6 to 4.

One bright ray of hope forced its passage through the black clouds of defeat—George Mullin, who toiled six innings and looked like the George Mullin of old. He showed more stuff than at any time since joining the Climbers.

In the matter of base hits, the Nationals had a shade on the white-hosed troupe, but the Sox backed up two pitchers flawlessly—the main reason why they won.

Manager Callahan sent in Ed Walsh, the big reel, to fool the Climbers. "Big Ed" didn't have much but a prayer. He was riddled in the third and sixth, and had he remained until the finish the opinion prevails that our gang would have "got" him.

"They can't hit my swift ones, doggone 'em! Let me go in that there box," begged Rebel Russell of Manager Jeems.

Russell, a southpaw, who appeared in the Concrete Coliseum yesterday for the first time, not only had the confidence, but the goods. While the big rube from Bonham, Tex., who relieved Walsh, was outwitting the Nationals were brushed aside almost as nimbly as they stepped up to the plate. One scratch hit was the extent of the damage inflicted.

Our outfielders had a busy time of it chasing fly balls. Shanks had five, Moeller four, and Milan three put-outs apiece.

Milan Loses Ball.

Just why Milan insists upon letting ground balls shoot through his legs nobody knows. The ground in his territory must be in horrible condition, for else Milan is having a lot of tough luck.

In the first inning yesterday, as was the case Thursday, the visitors were presented with a run when Rath singled to center and sprinted to third as the ball shot through Milan's legs. Lord's sacrifice fly scored Rath.

Tom Hughes, who is having the devil's own time getting started these days, was the victim of more unlucky breaks in the Sox third inning, when the Windy City brigade sent over four ripe tallies—enough to win the game.

Hughes' wildness paved the way for the first run when he hit Morris Rath on the elbow. Lord followed with a grounder, which Ray Morgan gathered back to first base, and Bodie was safe on McBride's poor throw to Gandil. On this error Chase reached third, scoring on Mattick's fly to Shanks. A single to right by Weaver scored Bodie, and when Schalk came to bat George Mullin was in the box. Schalk died. Morgan to Gandil, for the third out.

Nationals Score Twice.

The Nationals came through with some lively hitting in the third and succeeded in cutting down the Sox lead by two points.

John Henry singled for a starter. Mullin died on an infield out. Moeller singled through Walsh, and when Morgan unloaded a nifty base knock to right, Henry scored. Mullin fired to Mattick, but Laporte hit a hot one at Weaver and Moeller was over the plate. The side was retired when Shanks popped to Chase.

Callahan read the handwriting on the wall when the Nationals jumped on big Ed Walsh in the sixth for two more runs. Laporte drew a walk for a starter and Shanks was advanced a peg on McBride's sacrifice. John Henry's smoking single to right scored them; Mullin fired to Mattick and Moeller to Collins, and no more runs showed up.

After Mullin had relieved Hughes in the third only three hits were made off his delivery—a pop fly to McBride from Walsh's bat, George losing the ball in the sun; a home run poke over the right field fence by Ping Bodie in the eighth, and Weaver's single in this same round.

The Score.

WASHINGTON.	AB.	R.	H.	P.	A.	E.
Moeller, R.	3	1	4	0	0	1
Morgan, R.	3	0	1	0	0	1
Milan, C.	3	0	1	0	0	1
Gandil, 1b.	4	0	1	0	0	1
Laporte, 3b.	3	1	0	0	0	1
Henry, 2b.	3	1	0	0	0	1
McBride, ss.	3	0	1	1	2	1
Henry, C.	3	0	0	0	0	1
Hughes, p.	0	0	0	0	0	1
Mullin, p.	4	0	0	0	0	1
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Lord, 3b.	3	1	0	1	0	1
Chase, 1b.	5	1	2	12	0	0
Collins, 2b.	4	0	1	1	0	0
Bodie, 3b.	4	0	1	1	0	0
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President of American League Says Congress Should Either Get Busy or Keep Quiet—Umpires Are Doing Good Work—Other Gossip.

By WILLIAM FEET.

"If they want to probe the baseball trust, as it is called, why don't they do it; what's the delay?"

"I have seen a lot in the papers about Congress demanding an investigation."

"The sooner they start the better the American League will like it. We welcome an investigation; our books are open and our methods known to the public."

Thus spoke President Ban Johnson, of the American League, who arrived in the Capital yesterday morning and witnessed the ball game between the Nationals and White Sox.

"The reserve clause is the backbone of baseball. It existed before I became affiliated with the game."

Without the reserve clause, organized baseball could not exist," the league president added.

"If Congress is going to do any investigating why don't they get busy and probe or else shut up."

With these few well chosen words Mr. Johnson dismissed the matter. "How about the American League umpires this season. They say O'Loughlin is getting blind, Ferguson is incompetent and that the various managers are all kicking." The writer asked Mr. Johnson.

Big Ban smiled and replied: "Outside of several roasts in a Washington newspaper, I have heard few complaints. As for O'Loughlin, he is honest—at least he gives the plays as he sees them. He is not and never was a diplomat. Ferguson is doing good work and Hildebrand is the best man we have had in our league since Billy Evans."

"I saw the game this afternoon, and as far as I was in a good position to judge the decision of O'Loughlin at the plate when Catcher Henry kicked about Hal Chase as the latter scored on a sacrifice fly, Dineen was absolutely right. Henry missed his mark."

Mr. Johnson hinted that because the Washington team had been playing in hard luck the past three weeks that the fans were prone to blame the umpires. He also stated that he believed the work of the indicator handlers in the American League thus far this season had been uniformly good.

"How about the new rule which you instituted before the season opened in regard to throwing out a new ball every time one was knocked foul, said rule instituted for the purpose of shortening ball games. Have the clubs played in less time? Or, in other words, has the rule worked satisfactorily?" the league czar was asked.

"No, it has not," he replied. "Take today's game here. It should have been played in one hour and forty-five minutes instead of two hours and fifteen minutes. The delays were unnecessary, and I blame the players themselves."

"It is true that both Walsh and Mullin take a lot of time when pitching, but I saw a number of balls fished out from under the grand stand and getting a little effort on the part of the players of both clubs to hustle around."